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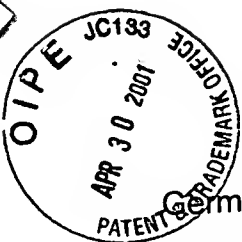
United States Patent No. 4,413,030 (Tesch et al.), dated November 1, 1983,

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United States Patent No. 5,476,711 (Hebbard et al.), dated December 19, 1995;

German Design Patent GM 1 955 925, dated October 15, 1966, and German translation thereof;



German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 39 04 526 A1 (Boelling), dated August 16, 1990, and English abstract thereof;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 44 14 479 A1 (Haiber et al.), dated November 2, 1995, and English abstract thereof;

European Patent Application EP 0 013 428 A1, dated July 23, 1980, which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,481,247;

European Patent Application EP 0 053 700 A1, dated June 16, 1982, and English abstract thereof;

European Patent Application EP 0 285 338 A2 (Trask et al.), dated October 5, 1988;

French Patent Application FR 2 445 866, dated August 1, 1980, and brief description of relevant contents;

Swiss Prosecuted Patent Application CH 625 931G, dated October 30, 1981, which corresponds to U.S. patent No. 4,413,030;

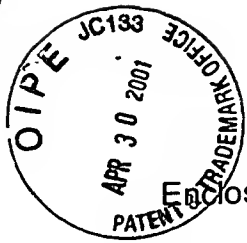
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German Examination Report dated September 11, 1997.

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